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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - RESETTLEMENT IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 9846

1. POST'S EXCELLENT ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS
RESPECTING SUBJECT WAS BASIS OF DISCUSSION WITH AID
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR ASIA AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF.
PRELIMINARY STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN WASHINGTON INCLUDE CON-
SULTATION WITH EXPERT EXPERIENCED IN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
PROJECTS IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT BETTER SENSE OF SCOPE AND
COSTS OF SUCH A PROJECT. AID IS SUPPORTING THIS INITIAL
ENDEAVOR AND AGREES TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY PLANNING
SERVICES WHILE LEAVING OPEN THE QUESTION OF FURTHER AID
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ASSISTANCE PENDING MORE POSITIVE INDICATIONS FROM RTG THAT
IN-COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE.

2. ALL PARTIES ARE IN FULL ACCORD WITH POST THAT UNHCR
SHOULD LEAD IN ENCOURAGING RTG TO MAKE DIFFICULT POLITI-
CAL DECISION TO RESETTLE LAO, HMONG, AND KHMER REFUGEES
IN COUNTRY. DURING RECENT VISIT TO GENEVA, D/HA EP

COORDINATOR CARLIN DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH UNHCR. SADRUDDIN'S VIEW OF MATTER COINCIDES WITH DEPT AND POST, AND HE AGREED TO SEND HIGH LEVEL REP TO BANGKOK IN NEAR FUTURE TO PRESS UPON RTG THE URGENCY OF POSITIVE MOVES TOWARD THIS RESOLUTION OF REFUGEE PROBLEMS.

3. DEPT WILL WELCOME VISIT BY DAMRONG, AND CONCURS IN RECOMMENDATION THAT IN-COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT BE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL RATHER THAN SPECIFIC TERMS. RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE IN US OVER PAST TWO YEARS, HOWEVER, OFFERS NO EXAMPLES THAT HAVE ANY LIGHT TO THROW ON HOW RTG MIGHT APPROACH PROBLEM. SOME AREAS IN US -- ESPECIALLY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- HAVE BEEN MORE AFFECTED THAN OTHERS BY NUMBERS OF REFUGEES, BUT THERE ARE NO INDOCHINESE COMMUNITIES AS SUCH. IN THE MAIN THE INDOCHINESE POPULATION IS DISPERSED AND ECONOMICALLY INTEGRATED. THUS NO SITE OR LOCALITY WOULD OFFER INSTRUCTION TO HIM. OFFICIALS IN DEPT AND HEW WILL OF COURSE GIVE DAMRONG INFORMATION AND EVEN TEXTS OF STUDIES OF RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM, AND WILL BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE FOR HIM TO SEE WHAT HE WISHES. PLEASE PROVIDE INFO ON DAMRONG'S TRAVEL PLANS AS AVAILABLE. VANCE

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